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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, if it is not a *public* document."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Any way the Hon. Minister may look into the matter and remove the difficulty if any."

Disposal of land acquisition cases relating to the Hospet area.

* 70-C *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Judge of Bellary was asked to proceed to Hospet for two days in a month and dispose of Land Acquisition cases relating to the Hospet area in that place;

(*b*) whether the Government have issued subsequently a notification conferring on the District Munsif of Hospet jurisdiction to deal with such cases under Section 3 (*d*) of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Central);

(*c*) whether the latter notification supersedes the former or whether the jurisdiction of the District Judge is co-extensive with that of the District Munsif of Hospet; and if so, whether the Government have issued instructions as to how the work should be apportioned between them and whether the pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Munsif is limited to Rs. 3,000; and

(*d*) whether appeals would lie to the District Judge of Bellary or the High Court from the decisions of the District Munsif of Hospet in cases dealt with by him and if not, whether the Government are taking action to amend the Land Acquisition Act with a view to confer the right of appeal on persons aggrieved by such decisions?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Orders were issued by the Government fixing Hospet also as the place at which the District Court, Bellary, shall be held for the purpose of hearing cases under the Land Acquisition Act.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) The effect of the notification authorizing the District Munsif, Hospet, to try cases under the Land Acquisition Act arising within the local limits of his jurisdiction is to oust the jurisdiction of the District Judge, Bellary, to try cases under that Act arising in the area within the jurisdiction of the District Munsif. The District Judge will continue to have jurisdiction in land acquisition cases arising from other areas in the district. The question of apportionment of work as between the District Judge, Bellary and the District Munsif, Hospet, in the matter of trying cases under the Land Acquisition Act does not therefore arise. No pecuniary limitation is attached on the jurisdiction of the District Munsif, Hospet, in regard to land acquisition cases.

" (*d*) Appeals from the decisions of the District Munsif lie to the High Court under section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act. "

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Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to the ruling given in 54 Madras that, when a particular officer has been appointed to decide cases under the Land Acquisition Act, no appeal against his order lies to the court? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act definitely provides for appeal."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the judgment of the Madras High Court in 54 Madras that no appeal shall lie against the order of an officer appointed to try cases under the Act as it amounts to an award? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :— " I will examine whether the section requires any amendment. But it is for the parties to take the decision to the Federal Court."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Instead of calling upon the parties to go to the Federal Court, will the Hon. Minister suitably amend the section so as to confer on the parties the right of appeal to the District Court or the High Court as the case may be? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We shall consult the Advocate-General in the matter."

State aid to newspaper concerns.

*71 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have *hitherto* granted any aid under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act to the proprietors or owners or others interested in the running of newspaper concerns;

(*b*) if so, what those Newspapers and the amounts given to them are;

(*c*) whether any applications have recently been received by the Director of Industries for grant of aid to some of the local newspapers and if so, what they are and for how much amounts, they have applied; and

(*d*) whether the Government have under consideration any plan to extend aid under the above Act to newspapers and if so, what the decision is?

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. The Director of Messrs. Dinasari, Limited, has submitted an application to the Director of Industries and Commerce for a loan of Rs. 1,50,000 under the Madras State-Aid to Industries Act.

" (*d*) No Sir, not at present."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government consider that newspapers come under the category of industries, and if so, whether they would come within the purview of the State-Aid to Industries Act? " 11-15 a.m.